



MSHA's Occupational Illness and Injury Prevention Program Health Idea

**SAFETY
IS A
VALUE!**

“Wear Your Protective Clothing, and Keep it Clean”

Category : All Mines

Mine Type: Personal Protective Equipment



In addition to the use of engineering and administrative controls to reduce exposures to permissible levels, personal protective equipment (PPE) is used to supplement these measures. In fact, for a few occupations PPE may be your only means of protection. The following tips are for the use of health-related PPE in the mining industry.

- Carefully choose your PPE appropriate to the situation. Contact your Health & Safety Coordinator or Industrial Hygienist for assistance.
- Select your gloves to protect against the chemical or physical hazards that are present.
- Clean and maintain your protective clothing per the manufacturer's instructions.
- Always inspect your PPE before each use. Alert your supervisor and replace your PPE if you find a crack, puncture, tear, leak, or any unusual condition.
- If an allergic reaction occurs (redden skin, rash, hives, etc.), alert your supervisor.

More information on personal protective clothing and equipment can be found using [this link](#).

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Remember – Safety is a Value that you can LIVE with!